

**SECRET**

CHAL-0582  
Copy 5 of 7

27 February 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Director of Administration DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT : Presentation of Typhoon Photography to Senior  
Officials of the Air Weather Service, USAF

1. Approximately one year ago, a presentation was made to Lt. Gen. Thomas L. Moorman, Commander, Air Weather Service, in the form of a framed 20 X 20 inch photograph of typhoon, Kit, the first typhoon ever viewed from above. This presentation was made on the occasion of Gen. Moorman's transfer from the AWS to Commander, 15th Air Force in the Far East, and its purpose was to express our appreciation for the wholehearted support given to Project CHALICE cover both in its preparation and subsequent operational phases. 15TH

2. At the time of this particular presentation, consideration was given to honor others of the AWS in similar fashion; namely, such personalities as Col. Norman Peterson (now Brig. Gen. Peterson) and Dr. Robert D. Fletcher, Director of Scientific Studies. These individuals were responsible for developing actual weather studies that could be directly attributed to the cover mission and could be legitimately discussed in public and defended if necessary. Their efforts produced a product that enabled the operation to actually live out its cover and conceal its true mission. Though such personalities were considered worthy of such an expression of our appreciation, it was decided that a group presentation would have a distracting affect upon the single presentation to Gen. Moorman. Further, due to the fact that only one particular photo study was available, any additional presentations made would have to be identical which would, likewise, lessen the affect.

3. At the present time, there is photography available of three entirely separate typhoons: Kit, Winnie and Ida. Each of these are scheduled for public release in the very near future, in support of Project CHALICE Cover. They will be presented, initially, to a gathering of meteorologists at a convention of the American Meteorological Society to be held in Chicago, Illinois during the week 23--27 March 1959. On this occasion, Dr. Robert D. Fletcher, previously mentioned, will make a film slide presentation, the purpose of which is to convince the scientific world that the AWS is continuing in its film study of typhoon conditions.

*copy*  
*MS*  
*75*

**SECRET**

USAF review(s) completed.

**SECRET**

4. It would therefore be natural that individuals associated with such a program would note their pride in such work by displaying large photographic hangings in their immediate office surroundings. I might note that Gen. Moorman has the enlarged photo of typhoon Kit hanging in his office in a "place of honor." There are no such photos in the offices of the Air Weather Service.

5. I believe it would be highly appropriate to present Gen. Peterson and Dr. Fletcher with framed photos of Typhoons Kit, Winnie, and Ida in the very near future, preferably prior to the March meeting of the AWS. We would, most certainly, be adding strength to the CHALICE cover through the display of such photos in offices of the AWS. At the same time we would be expressing our appreciation to those who have so wholeheartedly supported us in our cover efforts. The introduction of typhoon studies has extended the life of CHALICE cover allowing for the protection of the true mission beyond the original expected period.

6. I have explored the cost of suitable frames and related materials and have been given a price of \$51.33 which includes a 15% discount. A breakdown of these costs is attached.

7. I firmly believe we would prevent embarrassment to the AWS, and ourselves as well, by placing these photos in appropriate offices of the AWS through a presentation to the individuals named. I therefore seek your approval in the above stated expenditure.

SIGNED

Cover Officer  
DPD-DD/P

25X1A

CONCUR:

25X1A

for RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.  
Deputy Director  
(Plans)

Distribution:

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 & 2 - Addressee  | 5 - Ops DPD-DD/P     |
| 3 - Admin DPD-DD/P | 6 - Finance DPD-DD/P |
| 4 - Cover DPD-DD/P | 7 - Chrono           |

DPD-DD/P: TMA/eb

**SECRET**

THREE BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO ENLARGEMENTS:

1 - Typhoon IDA

Picture size 18" X 18"  
Frame size 24" X 24"  
Mat opening 17 3/4 X 17 3/4

Material Cost

Frame . . . . . \$ 9.50  
Non reflective glass . . 10.50  
Mat . . . . . 1.90  
\$21.90 less 15% = \$18.61

2 - Typhoon Winnie

Picture size 20 1/2" X 14 3/4"  
Frame size 26 1/2" X 21 1/2"  
Mat opening 20 1/2" X 14 3/4"

Material Cost

Frame . . . . . \$ 8.55  
Non reflective glass . . 8.95  
Mat . . . . . 1.75  
\$19.25 less 15% = \$16.36

3 - Typhoon Kit

Picture size 17" X 15 1/2"  
Frame size 23" X 22"  
Mat opening 16 3/4" X 15 1/2"

Material Cost

Frame . . . . . \$ 8.55  
Non reflective glass . . 8.95  
Mat . . . . . 1.75  
\$19.25 less 15% = \$16.36

TOTAL COST INCLUDING DISCOUNT \$21.33

Frame Materials - 1 inch Butternut Wood #2753-168

*ack*